

**TOWN OF ROCKFORD
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 17-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, WASHINGTON ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.01 TO THE
ROCKFORD MUNICIPAL CODE; ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM; CONTAINING A
SEVERABILITY PROVISION; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation recommends that cities in the State of Washington establish a complete streets program by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Rockford intends to continue to design and construct street projects with the interests of drivers, bicyclists, school buses, transit vehicles and users, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Works Department and the Mayor have evaluated different options for establishment of a complete streets program in order to document the continued intent of the town to implement the Town of Rockford's Comprehensive Plan and build roads pursuant to the complete street concept and design; and

WHEREAS, after studying the issue the Director of the Public Works Department and the Mayor recommend that adoption of this Ordinance will confirm the Town's intent to implement and comply with the complete streets program; and

WHEREAS, the Town council has reviewed this Ordinance and determined that passage of this Ordinance is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Rockford;
NOW, THEREFORE,

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Chapter 3.01 is hereby added to the Rockford Municipal Code to read as follows:

**Chapter 3.01
COMPLETE STREETS POLICY**

Sections:

- 3.01.010 Purpose.**
- 3.01.020 Exceptions.**
- 3.01.030 Complete streets infrastructure.**
- 3.01.040 Goals to foster partnerships.**
- 3.01.050 Best practice criteria.**
- 3.01.060 Performance standards.**

3.01.010 Purpose.

The Town of Rockford shall, to the maximum extent practical, scope, plan, design, construct, operate and maintain appropriate facilities for the safe accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities in all new construction, retrofit or reconstruction projects. Cost-effective opportunities to include complete streets practices shall be identified by the city as part of the standard operations and maintenance of city streets.

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3.01.020 Exceptions.

Facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and people of all abilities are not required to be provided when:

- A. A documented absence of current or future need exists;
- B. Nonmotorized uses are prohibited by law;
- C. Routine maintenance of the transportation network is performed that does not change the roadway geometry or operations, such as mowing, sweeping and spot repair;
- D. The cost would be disproportionate to the current need or probable future uses;
- E. In instances where a documented exception is granted by the mayor.

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3.01.030 Complete streets infrastructure.

The town shall incorporate complete streets infrastructure into existing public and private streets, as feasible, to create a comprehensive, integrated, connected transportation network for Rockford that balances access, mobility, health and safety needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, emergency responders, freight and users of all ages and abilities, ensuring a fully connected, integrated network that provides transportation options. "Complete streets infrastructure" means design features that contribute to a safe, convenient, or comfortable travel experience for users, including but not limited to features such as: sidewalks; shared use paths; bicycle lanes; automobile lanes; paved shoulders; street trees and landscaping; planting strips; curbs; accessible curb ramps; bulb outs; crosswalks; refuge islands; pedestrian and traffic signals, including countdown and accessible signals; signage; street furniture; bicycle parking facilities; public transportation stops and facilities; transit priority signalization; traffic calming devices such as traffic bumps, and surface treatments such as paving blocks, textured asphalt, and concrete; narrow vehicle lanes; raised medians; and dedicated transit lanes.

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3.01.040 Goals to foster partnerships.

It is a goal of the Town of Rockford to foster partnerships with all Washington State transportation funding agencies including the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Federal Highway Administration, Spokane County, Freeman School District, citizens, businesses, interest groups, neighborhoods, and any funding agency to implement this chapter.

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3.010.050 Best practice criteria.

The mayor or the mayor's designee shall modify, develop and adopt policies, design criteria, standards and guidelines based upon recognized best practices in street design, construction, and operations including but not limited to the latest editions of American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO), Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) while reflecting the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments and enhance the appearance of such.

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3.01.060 Performance standards.

The Town of Rockford shall adopt performance standards with measurable benchmarks to continuously evaluate this chapter for success and opportunities for improvement. Performance standards may include transportation and mode shift, miles of bicycle facilities or sidewalks, public participation, number of ADA accommodations built, and number of exemptions from this policy approved.

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Section 2. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect December 29, 2017.

PASSED by the Town Council in regular session the 20th day of December 2017.


Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer


Carrie Roecks, Mayor

